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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR 1.5) 09/857,347
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR99/03017	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12/03/1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 12/03/1998		
TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE FOR ADJUSTING OR FASTENING PARTS OF A GARMENT, SHOE OR...				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: SITBON				
Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:				
<p>1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.</p> <p>3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Art. 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).</p> <p> a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p> b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p> c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))</p> <p> a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p> b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p> c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments had NOT expired.</p> <p> d. have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. A translation of the annexes to the Int'l Prelim. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. A First preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. A Second or Subsequent preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 & 35 USC 1.821-825.</p> <p>18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. Other items or information:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 17(c).</p>				
Date: 4 January 2002				

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X 21. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5): ___ Neither Int'l Prelim. Exam. fee nor Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$1040 ___ Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 890 ___ No Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO but Int'l Search fee paid to USPTO \$ 740 ___ International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTPO \$ 710 ___ Int'l Prelim. Ex. fee paid to USPTO & all claims satisfied PCT Art. 33(1)-(4) \$ 100 <div style="text-align: right;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$</div>		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
X Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 mos. ___ from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). [] 30 mos. + \$ 130.00		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
Total Claims	- 20 =	X \$18 =
Independent Claims	- 03 =	X \$84 =
___ Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$280 =
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 130.00
X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated ___ above are reduced by 1/2. - \$ 65.00		
SUBTOTAL =		\$ 65.00
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 mos. ___ from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). [] 30 mos. + \$		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$ 65.00
___ Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property + \$		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$ 65.00
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X a. A check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. ___ b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-0555 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. X c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.		
<i>Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</i>		
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: <div style="text-align: center;">Douglas E. Jackson</div> At the address (below) of CUSTOMER NO. 000881. <div style="text-align: center;"> LARSON & TAYLOR, PLC 1199 NORTH FAIRFAX ST. SUITE 900 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 </div>		SIGNATURE: <u><i>Douglas E. Jackson</i></u> NAME: Douglas E. Jackson REG. NO.: 28,518 PHONE NO.: 703-739-4900 Date: 4 January 2002



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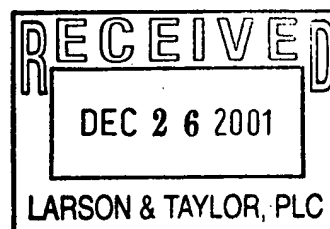
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination
- Small Entity Statement



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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